(b) Where a person is standing for election as Chairman or Vice-Chairman or Regional Chairman etc. he, or entity represented by him, must have, to his or its credit, during the one financial year immediately preceding, exports ofthe product, of not less than Rupees 2 crores."

Para 27.1:- "The Chairman shall hold office for a period of two years and:-

(a) shall retire accordingly; and

(b) shall not be eligible for re-election (at the immediately) at the next election.

Para 27.2:-

(a) "There shall be one Vice-Chairman who shall be elected by the Committee for a term of two years.

(b) On completion of his term of two years, Vice-Chairman shall be endorsed by the Committee to succeed the Chairman unless he is unwilling to accept Chairmanship or he has incurred any of the disqualifications enumerated in Article 8.1 regard to membership of the Council."

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sick industrial units in Alwar district of Rajasthan

†2252. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for sick industrial units in Alwar district of Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government are formulating any scheme to deal with unemployment and to make these units operational again;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Industrial sickness is attributable to various reasons such as

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

inadequacy of credit, technological obsolescence, marketing problems, infrastructural constraints, faulty planning, managerial deficiencies, etc.

(b) In order to address the problem of Industrial sickness and to revive the viable sick industrial units, the Government of Rajasthan has been providing certain reliefs and concessions in the form of a package of assistance. In addition, the Central Government has taken various measures for the revival of sick industrial units which, *inter alia*, include guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India to banks, amalgamation of sick units with healthy units, and setting up of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, etc.

(c) As per information furnished by the Government of Rajasthan, District and State level committees have been set up to identify sick industrial units and recommend/approve their revival packages. The package of assistance announced by the Government of Rajasthan, *inter-alia*, include reduced interest rate on loans, concessions/exemptions in various taxes such as house tax, land tax and sales tax, and concessional electricity rates during the revival period. The package also contains provision for waiving of interest on outstanding loans and rescheduling of the loan in respect of sick units on the verge of closure. Committee has also been set up to help sick industrial units opting for revival in sorting out their problems with banks. Big industrial units with large employment heading towards sickness are given additional financial facilities. Sick units are also allowed change in product mix, increase production, etc.

(d) Does not arise.

Proposal of Coffee Bonds

2253. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Karnataka Government for floating Coffee Bonds to provide relief package to the coffee growers in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter?